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TRUE BILL FOR MACHEN

NINE COUNTS IN THE INDICTMENT RETURNED AGAINST HIM AT WASHINGTON.

ACCUSED RELEASED ON BOND

Machen Denies That He Received Money from Groff Bros.—His Attorneys Criticize Government.

Washington, June 5.—The grand jury today returned a true bill against Machen. The indictment against Machen embraces nine counts and follows closely the form of the warrant upon which he was originally arrested, reciting his connection with the postoffice department, his duties in connection with the purchase of supplies, etc., the fact of the sale of the letter box fasteners to the government upon his advice and recommendation, upon the promise of the firm to pay him 50 per cent of any sum which they might receive from the postoffice department in payment for the fasteners. The indictment recites that in pursuance of this collusive understanding, Machen illegally received \$18,957, Machen was in court with his attorney and immediately gave bond, a number of prominent citizens going his security.

The penalty for conviction of a violation of the statute under which Machen was indicted is "a fine of not more than three times the amount asked or accepted or received, and by imprisonment not more than three years."

By securing the indictment of Machen before tomorrow, the day set for his preliminary hearing before Commissioner Taylor, the government has scored a victory in that it has avoided the necessity of showing its hand at the preliminary hearing. The proceedings before the commissioner now will be abandoned.

Machen Explains.

Discussing the case with his friends, Machen says that certain checks which it is maintained were sent to him in payment of his profits in the Groff fastener and which have been secured by the postoffice inspectors, were sent to him by his business partner, George E. Lorenz, of Toledo, Ohio, and formerly postmaster of that city. Machen claims that his partnership with Lorenz was strictly legitimate and that the checks were in connection with a mining business, which the firm conducted. Although the amount of the checks cannot be ascertained, Machen says the one for the largest amount represents a personal loan to himself from Lorenz.

Received No Divvy.

Machen further states to his friends that he was not a partner of the Groff brothers, and did not receive any profits from the sale of the letterbox fasteners to the government and says no wrong doing will be proved against him. He declares that the only possible cause there may be for criticism of his administration as far as the Groff fastener is concerned, is the price paid for the article may be considered excessive. This was necessary, he maintains, because the article was a patented article and the larger price paid for it was in line with the universal practice in the purchase of patented articles, and where there is no competition. His attorneys tonight gave out a statement in which they criticize the government for bringing the matter before the grand jury after it had issued a warrant for his arrest, thus depriving Machen of the preliminary hearing upon the charges contained in the warrant.

A GIGANTIC LAND SWINDLE

Ohio Men Indicted By United States Grand Jury For Selling Fictitious Tracts.

HAD VICTIMS IN EVERY STATE

Columbus, June 5.—Indictments were returned today by the United States grand jury against John A. Cobb, of Bainbridge, Ohio, W. H. H. Miller, S. E. Struble and G. W. J. Woltz, of Newark, Ohio, for misuse of the mails in connection with alleged fraudulent land deals. Several others not yet arrested were indicted on a similar charge. The government inspectors claim that in this matter they have unearthed an alleged land swindle of gigantic proportions, which they say was carried on by men operating in widely separated localities. Large tracts of timber land for which alleged fraudulent deeds were given to purchasers were offered for sale in Michigan and other western and southern states. The victims of the alleged swindles, it is claimed, are to be found in almost every state. Witnesses were summoned in the cases from Iowa, Michigan and other states.

Suffered Stroke of Paralysis.

Marion, June 5.—Word was received here by relatives that Mrs. C. H. Griffin had suffered two paralytic strokes at her home at Orange, Texas. She was unconscious and in a serious condition for two or three days, but a letter received later gave a more encouraging report of her condition. Her friends here will earnestly hope for her complete recovery.

THE BOYS OF THE PRESS

Entertain President At Dinner and Satirize Events of the Memorable Trip Just Closing.

HE HEARTILY ENJOYS AFFAIR.

Washington, June 5.—Last night the president attended the most unique dinner of the entire trip. He did not have to go very far to find it for it was laid in the diner Gilsey. He usually took his meals in his own car, the Elysian, but several days ago invited himself to take a dinner with the entire party before ending the trip. At first he decided on Friday as the day then changed it to Thursday. A few minutes before 7 o'clock the president was very much surprised to receive a call from a "committee" in the personnel of two of the newspaper correspondents of the party. They brought him the keys of the diner. The president has received the "keys of the city" at so many places that this little attention affected him greatly.

Then the committee made him a speech. "Fellow Americans," he cried in a voice that shook the car, "I accept the keys of the diner in the same proud spirit in which they are offered."

German Was Paralyzed. Captain Schumacher, the representative of the German embassy who happened to be aboard the president's car, nearly fell off his chair with astonishment at this exhibition of democracy. The "committee" then escorted the president back to the Gilsey, passing through the cars Texas and Senegal. "You will please notice our decorations, Mr. President," the committee said.

As the Senegal was reached the president came upon a picture of himself drawn by one of the artists of the party. It was labelled "Our Hero." At the turn around the smoking room he ran against Letcher, the colored porter, who held a broom at present arms. Near Letcher was Dave Smith, another porter armed with a broom.

"Our national guard, Mr. President," said the committee with pardonable pride.

"Enthusiastic Reception." The president was greeted with a wild yell and a roar of cheers as he came into the Senegal. The entire party was ranged along the sides of the car in the seats which were roped off with red tape. A battery of cameras began taking his picture as fast as the photographers could snap the buttons.

"Well, this is the best I ever saw," cried the president as he was escorted down the aisle past banners reading "Roosevelt for 1904," "No Race Suicide Here," "Carry a Big Stick," etc.

The president was accompanied by the Gilsey by Senators Beveridge and Fairbanks, Secretary Wilson and his own staff of white house aides. As soon as the president was seated he was handed a set of "instructions" to remind him of similar attentions he had along the line of march—notably at San Francisco, where the committee instructed him how to dress. Among the instructions were "forks will be provided for pie—if there is pie. Salt, not sugar, is the proper seasoning for consommé. Keads, holed toads, horses, hair brushes, houses and lots intended for presents will be left in the smoking room."

"The distinguished guests who received the keys to the diner will please leave them before leaving the car."

"He does not need to open the situation at Columbus."

"Guests who find their wine too warm will notice an improvement after placing it between any two senators from the same state who happen to be in the same car."

After the meal was well in progress the president received a large bunch of telegrams from prominent people all over the world—King Edward, John Barrett, Oom Paul Kruger, Seth Bullock, Mark Twain and others.

DEPARTMENT HAS AUTHORITY

Courts Declare the Postmaster General Not the Publishers Shall Determine Second Class Matter.

NOT BOUND BY PREDECESSOR.

Washington, June 5.—The court of appeals of the District of Columbia in an opinion today reversed the lower court and sustained the contention of the government that the postmaster general was empowered by the law to exclude from the mails as second class postal rates. Revision literature, sermons and Masters in Music. The opinion is quite sweeping and comprehensive in its assertion it gives the postoffice department to classify the mail matter. The lower court in each of the cases reversed today had decided that postmaster general had no authority to prevent the carriage of the publications in question at second class mailing rates. Today's decision upholds the postmaster general, saying that he was free to classify and exclude according to his judgment of the law and was not bound by any decision of his predecessors in accepting matter under what the present postmaster general considered a wrong classification.

Sale Restrained.

St. Louis, June 5.—The Chicago, Minneapolis, St. Paul & Omaha company have secured an injunction restraining the sale of their bridge here for taxes. The hearing was set for July 6.

FREE PRESS AND FREE PULPIT, TWIN FORCES FOR PROGRESS OF MANKIND



AT CAPITAL ONCE MORE

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT WARMLY WELCOMED BACK TO WASHINGTON AFTER HIS TRIP.

THING THAT IMPRESSED HIM

Was the Substantialness of the American People—Congratulates Secretary Loeb for Success.

Washington, June 5.—President Roosevelt returned tonight from his trip of two months throughout the west. He was given a hearty reception and escorted by a battalion of high school cadets to the White House. The president cordially responded to the greetings given him and repeatedly stood up in his carriage and waved his hat and bowed his acknowledgments. He looked the picture of health.

At the station when the president arrived were Secretaries Root, Hitchcock, Cortelyou, Postmaster General Payne and other officials, besides detachments of the Grand Army and Spanish war veterans and a large crowd of citizens.

After exchanging greetings, the party entered the carriages and were driven to the White House, where the president reviewed the cadets.

Thing That Impressed Him. Afterward the president made a brief speech in which he thanked the people for the welcome home they had given him. He said the one thing that has struck him during his travels was the substantialness of the American people. "One can travel from ocean to ocean," he said, "and from Canada to the Gulf, and always be at home among one's fellow Americans."

The only speech between Pittsburg and Washington was at Altoona where he addressed a large crowd.

Fourteen Thousand Miles.

The trip just completed has been in many respects the most remarkable a president ever took. The party traveled over 14,000 miles on railroads and several hundred miles in stage coaches and carriages but not an accident marred their journey. The health of the president and party was remarkable. Not one was seriously ill and but few calls were made on the physician on the train.

Congratulates Loeb.

During the sixty-five days the president spent on the road he made 285 speeches. The successful manner in which Secretary Loeb managed the trip was very pleasing to the president and he warmly congratulated his secretary on the successful outcome of it, as did also other members of

INJUNCTION PERMANENT

JUDGE KOHLSTADT ISSUES AN ORDER RESTRICTING THE SOFT COAL COMBINE

Trades and Labor Assembly at Lincoln Enter the Fight Against Jobst & Son.

LOGAN COUNTY ABSTRACT CO.

The Companies Are the Same As Indicted and Temporarily Restrained Last Spring.

Chicago, June 5.—A perpetual injunction preventing any combination of certain coal operators in Illinois and Iowa to sell their wares through one distributing agency and regulate prices was issued by Judge Kohlstadt today.

This was the end of the coal case which attracted much attention last winter when the operators were indicted and action later begun by District Attorney Bequa in the United States court.

The companies mentioned in the injunction are: Crescent, Brullette Creek, Wabash Valley, Oak Hill, Coal Bluff, Glenn Oak, Nervins, Parke county, Indiana Fuel, McClellan, Son & Co. The operators had been bound by a temporary injunction since March 19 last.

HARLEM HANDICAP TODAY

Twenty Starters Will Race for Rich Purse Over a Muddy and Heavy Track.

M'CHESNEY MAY BE DRAWN.

Chicago, June 5.—The \$10,000 Harlem national handicap will be run tomorrow at Harlem over a slow and heavy track. Out of more than 100 nominations for the event, an even twenty are entered to start. In the list of candidates are four American derby candidates and some of the best handicap horses racing in the west. M'Chesney, the favorite in the winter books, is a doubtful starter, owing to the bad condition of the track. With prospects of a bad track flying Torpedos may go to the post a favorite.

Deserves a Life Sentence.

Berlin, June 5.—An old sergeant, named Wainek, of the 32nd infantry, has been sentenced to thirty months imprisonment and dismissal from the army, after having been convicted of 155 instances of abuse of soldiers. In two cases Wainek spat in the mouths of the recruits.

Dawson, Alaska, June 5.—W. J. Idelman, deputy collector of United States customs at Boudry is in jail at Eagle City, charged with the embezzlement of \$40,000.

DAVIS GIVES AN OPINION

In Relation to Some Disputed Points in New Militia Law—No Conflict With Constitution.

IT IS SIMILAR TO THE OLD LAW

Washington, June 5.—Judge Advocate General Davis has sent to the secretary of war an opinion relative to various disputed matters in the construction of the new militia law. One point was whether the section in relation to the militia was not in conflict with the constitution, the contention being that it would take the militia from the control of the states. General Davis points out that the new law does not differ materially from the present law and that all that is necessary is a change in the forms for accounting to be made to the treasury department.

A more important point raised concerns the participation of the militia in the manoeuvres and field instructions of the regular army, the law providing that the command of the military post or camp and of the officers and troops of the United States stationed where such manoeuvres occur, shall remain with the regular commander of the post without regard for the rank of the commanding officer or other officers of the militia temporarily encamped there. General Davis holds that such portions of the national guard as participate in the manoeuvres or operations do so for the purpose of improving their discipline and efficiency, and that in such participation they act under the orders of their respective governors. While so engaged national guard, he says, remain under the control of their several commanders-in-chief and not having been "called forth" in the manner prescribed in the constitution, do not pass under the command and control of the president as commanders-in-chief of the land and naval forces of the United States. He holds the enlisted men of the national guard are not entitled to increased pay by virtue of previous service in the militia but says that officers who have served five years in the militia are entitled under the law to the same 10 per cent increase in pay provided for officers of the army.

CROOKED CLERKS CAUGHT

Employees in Postal Service Getting a Take Off on Pouches for Rural Carriers.

CLEARED 50 CENTS ON EACH.

Washington, June 5.—As a result of the sweeping investigation of affairs of the postoffice department Thomas McGregory, clerk in charge of supplies for rural free delivery service, and C. Ellsworth Upton, of Baltimore, one of McGregory's assistants, today were arrested on a charge of conspiracy with Charles E. Smith, of Baltimore, to defraud the government in the purchase of the leather pouches furnished the rural carriers throughout the country. Their cases make seven arrests in all since the investigation began. Other arrests are expected later.

According to the statement of Assistant Postmaster General Brewster, McGregory and Upton agreed with Smith to obtain for him orders for many thousands of leather pouches such as are used by the rural letter carriers. The price agreed upon was 30 cents a pouch, the actual value being less than 50 cents. Smith was to pay to them the difference between 30 and 50 cents per pouch. It is stated that the number of pouches purchased exceeded 20,000, for which the government paid 90 cents each, or \$18,000 in all. Smith, it is alleged, received and retained this for his own use, \$10,000. The remaining \$8,000 it is said was paid to McGregory and Upton. The government could have bought the entire number of pouches from the manufacturers for \$8,000.

McGregory has been in the postal service since 1890. He came here from Nebraska as a messenger, and was subsequently promoted to a clerkship and finally appointed by Machen in charge of the supply work of the rural free delivery service. Upton is a Baltimorean, and has been in the postal service thirteen years. At his own request Upton was taken to Baltimore for his hearing. McGregory was taken before the commissioner here.

REGARDED AS SIGNIFICANT

Asiatic Squadron Gets Within Striking Distance.

Washington, June 5.—Coming close on the heels of a long report from Rear Admiral Evans, commander-in-chief of the Asiatic squadron, concerning the grave internal situation in China, the assembling of his squadron in Chinese waters is regarded here as significant. The battleships Kentucky and Oregon, and the protected cruiser New Orleans, have arrived at Chefoo, the monitor Monterey, and the cruiser Pompey at Shanghai. The gunboat Villahermosa has sailed from Kow-Kiang for Nan Chang.

WILL ENDEAVOR TO SETTLE

Striking Chicago Waiters Resume Work—Laundry Strike.

Chicago, June 5.—The striking employees of the hotels have returned to work pending an effort to settle the differences between the strikers and the employers. The restaurant men will meet tomorrow.

The laundry strike was settled by an agreement to submit all differences to arbitration. The work will be resumed Monday.

MISSISSIPPI IS BOOMING

LEVEES ARE BREAKING AND CROPS BEING DESTROYED ON LOW LANDS.

ILLINOIS TOWN IS FLOODED

The Situation at Kansas City—People Return to Their Homes as the Floods Recede.

St. Louis, June 5.—The Mississippi continues to rise and will continue to do so for several days. The levee extending for miles along the Illinois shore, north from Hannibal, broke today and devastated thousands of acres of farming lands. The levee at Madison, Ill., also broke today. West Granite is under water, but all of the inhabitants escaped. Venice, Ill., is also under water. In South St. Louis 100 families were forced to abandon their homes. The interrupted train service has materially improved, the Missouri Pacific being used as a temporary outlet to the west by other roads. At Waterloo, Ill., the new levee is in danger of being washed away.

Cedar City, Ill., has been totally abandoned and is under twelve feet of water. Many residences in the lowlands of Jefferson City are flooded and the electric light and gas plants have shut down. The principal manufacturing industries of Hannibal are flooded and closed down. Hundreds of men are out of employment there.

GEORGE GOULD GIVES \$5,000.

For Kansas City Flood Sufferers—Fund Is Now About \$75,000.

Kansas City, Mo., June 5.—George Gould today sent \$5,000 to the Kansas City, Kansas, relief committee and President Burt of the Union Pacific sent \$500 to each Kansas City. The cash received in both cities is now about \$75,000.

AS THE FLOOD RECEDES

The Refugees Go Back To Their Former Habitations.

Kansas City, June 5.—One tenth of the flood area has been uncovered by the flood receding and was immediately re-occupied. This includes a portion of the railroad yards and the union depot. The latter was damaged \$25,000. Two bodies were found under a railroad coach in the west bottoms today.

PLACED AT SEVENTY-EIGHT

Number of Deaths By Flood at Topeka—Eleven Bodies Found.

Topeka, Kas., June 5.—The number of deaths from the flood is placed at 78. Eleven bodies were found today.

HAY CALLED ON ROOSEVELT

Russian Affairs and Postal Investigations Will be Considered at Cabinet Meeting Today.

M'CORMICK DEFENDS RUSSIA

Washington, June 5.—Secretary Hay called upon the president tonight but stayed only a few minutes. Hay will bring before the president tomorrow the Russian-American situation, both as regards Manchurian and the Kischineff incidents. It is expected that these matters and the postal investigation will consume most of the cabinet's attention tomorrow.

The position of this government as to Russian affairs is extremely difficult and especially so because, it is stated, of the numerous resolutions adopted as to the Kischineff affair. Thus far no friction has occurred between the two governments though Russia is disappointed that resolutions are still passed condemning her, notwithstanding the assurances of Machen in charge of the supply work of the rural free delivery service. Upton is a Baltimorean, and has been in the postal service thirteen years. At his own request Upton was taken to Baltimore for his hearing. McGregory was taken before the commissioner here.

Mr. McCormick, United States ambassador at St. Petersburg, is expected in Washington Sunday and it is stated that he intends to do what he can to check further attacks on the Russian government on the ground that in a large measure they are due to a misrepresentation of the Russian government's position.

Conference at Chicago.

Indianapolis, June 5.—John Mitchell started for Chicago this morning to confer with Herman Justi, who represents the mine operators of Illinois and T. J. Reynolds, who represents the miners of the Illinois district. The conference will be in regard to local wage scales in the Illinois district.

The Indications.

Washington, June 5.—Illinois—Showers Saturday; Sunday fair with rising temperature; variable winds.

Local Weather.

The following is a record of the temperature for 24 hours ended Friday evening at 7 o'clock as reported by Prof. J. H. Coonrad, government observer:

7 a. m.64 Highest74
Noon68 Lowest61
7 p. m.62 Precip.0.19

LOCAL NEWS NOTES

DR. GALLOWAY SPEAKS.
Dr. T. W. Galloway of the James Millikin university will speak at the First Baptist church next Sunday morning in place of the pastor, Dr. Bowyer. He is a good speaker and will no doubt be accorded a fine hearing.

SECURED SNYDER GROUNDS.
The managers of the Y. M. C. A. league have secured the Snyder grounds at the corner of Pugh and College streets, and they have laid out a diamond. The teams have been playing on the round house diamond, but it was thought that the Snyder grounds were better.

FISHING TRIP.
Jack Wright and Art Jimison are to leave soon for a fishing trip along the Illinois river. They say that they are going to get loads of fish for they are to take plenty of bait.

HAS MEASLES.
Howard, the little son of Turnkey Charles Braden is ill of measles.

BAKERY SALE.
The North Main Street Epworth League will give a bakery sale in the Daoum building on North Water street today.

DECIDES TODAY.
Judge O. W. Smith will today give his decisions in the case of the objections against the paving of North Water street from the Walash tracks to the Illinois Central right of way.

SILHOUETTES.
J. W. Pleasant, a young man who makes little black silhouette portraits, has been in the city for several days. He does clever work, clipping the pictures with scissors. He was formerly a Chicago newspaper man.

DR. BOWYER NOW.
Rev. S. H. Bowyer received the degree of Doctor of Divinity at the commencement exercises of Shurtleff college, this week. He is now Dr. Bowyer.

CLASS DAY.
High School Seniors Enjoy Social in the Assembly Room.
The senior class held its class day exercises Friday evening in the assembly room of the high school. Nearly every member of the class was present and also a large number of the faculty. Besides singing several songs and giving schools yells the following program was given:

Vocal solo, Made Young.
Class History, Inez Hatley.
Piano solo, Pearl Record.
Class Prophecy, May Quimby.

Class poem, Mabel Fletcher.
Mandolin solo, Pearl Ammann.
After the program was given the class joined in singing "Auld Lang Syne" and other favorite songs. The class then went to the physical laboratory where the girls had spread a beautiful supper on the tables. A number of speeches were made by the different members of the class, after which Mr. Brown gave some pictures with the electric lantern.

Entertained Friends.
Miss Anna McDonald entertained a party of her friends last evening at her home, 1004 East North street, in honor of her birthday. There was a large attendance and the guests had an excellent time. The house was beautifully decorated for the occasion, cut flowers and trimmed paper being used to make the color effect, green and white. Miss McDonald is employed at Stewart's store and most of the clerks and a great many other friends were present. The guests were entertained at cards and dancing and during the evening there was an impromptu musical program.

At a late hour a birthday supper was served. In behalf of the clerks at the store John Walker presented Miss McDonald with a handsome ring. Miss McDonald also received several other presents.

ALLEGED WEALTHY MAN.
Who Cared Well For Himself But Not His Family.

Philadelphia, Pa., June 5.—When Magistrate Cunningham held Albert Pennard, who many believed was a wealthy man, under \$1,000 bail on several charges for not caring for his family property, the women witnesses showed their approval of the magistrate's action by clapping their hands and shouting "Good! good!" Pennard, who said he was the son of a wealthy man in Switzerland and was well connected, turned toward the women, and making a mock courtesy, he smiled affably and said: "Thank you."

The family of eight lived in one room in the rear of 121 South Seventeenth street, says the judge, and, according to the wife's testimony, had a box for a table and one bed. The children sat on bedstead blocks at chairs, in spite of the poverty of home. Pennard always dressed well. He said he was a banker and broker.

MOB LEADER TO PEN.

Helped Hang a Negro and Gets Ten Years.
Carthage, Mo., June 5.—Samuel Mitchell (white), who led the mob that lynched Thomas Gilyard, a negro, at Joplin, recently, was today sentenced to ten years' imprisonment in the penitentiary. Gilyard had killed a policeman who was trying to arrest him. Mitchell was charged with climbing the telegraph pole and adjusting the rope with which Gilyard was hanged. Mitchell and John Barnes are yet to be tried for their part in the burning of negro houses following the lynching.

By Small Majority.
Danville, Ill., June 5.—Official figures for the judicial election in the fifth circuit show M. W. Thompson, republican, of Danville, elected for the third place over Fenton W. Booth, republican, of Marshall, by sixteen votes. By former acquiescence furnished by republican committee men Booth had won out by fifty-eight votes. Judge Thompson is a brother of John R. Thompson of Chicago.

Two Blocks Burn.
La Crosse, Wis., June 5.—Two entire blocks in the business portion of New Lisbon were destroyed by fire today. The loss is approximately at one hundred thousand. Among the buildings destroyed were: Cash Department Store, Opera House block and Simson Bros. Store.

THE WEEKLY TRADE REVIEW

The Floods in the West a Factor—Higher Prices May Bring Some Compensation.

RAILWAY EARNINGS INCREASE.

New York, June 5.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say:

Wholesale trade is seasonably dull and the disastrous floods have checked the trade and transportation in the southwest. The situation as a whole, however, is still far from unfavorable for higher prices for farm products of all kinds favor some compensation to the producers from this source. The country's foreign trade promises well, failures are down to a low minimum and the bank clearings point to record totals outside of a few important speculative centers. Price readjustments, where lower quotations are necessary, as in iron and steel, go on without disorganization, and the feeling grows that much demand, discouraged by former high prices may shortly develop. Relatively the best trade reports come from the northwest and the country between the Ohio river and the lakes and the Mississippi and Alleghenies.

Men's wear, woolen goods, are in fair demand, but worsteds are slow. Dress woolens are doing well. New wool is active at the west, and denier relatively higher than the current quotations for the high clip. Numerous stocks in building trades report limited demand for all classes of building material, but structural material remains surprisingly good in view of this. It is stated on good authority that the coal trade was never in better shape than at present. The retail prices of window glass are expected to advance.

Wheat exports, including flour, for the week are 4,799,000 bushels against 4,600,000 the week last year, and since July 1, 210,251,000 bushels, against 238,025,000 bushels last year. Corn, exports 1,014,000 bushels against 86,000 bushels year ago; for the fiscal year 62,451,000 bushels, against 25,987,000 bushels last season.

Dun & Co.
Dun & Co. tomorrow in their weekly trade review will say: The elements provided the only unfavorable developments of the week. Dispatches regarding the trade conditions at the leading cities are generally encouraging. The railway earnings for May were 12.7 per cent larger than last year, and 24.4 per cent greater than in 1901. There is still an inclination to defer the placing of contracts for iron and steel. United States Steel corporation has bought 105,000 tons of pig iron, chiefly for delivery during the third quarter, but the recent readjustment of quotations has not stimulated general activity in the industry. There are still hopes of further concessions, and all buyers are disposed to get the full benefit.

Railway improvements and extensions are again under consideration and much work will be done when confidence is restored regarding the labor situation. The textile industries show no material improvement. Sellers of cotton goods are unwilling to accept contracts for distant delivery and even in the immediate business there is little disposition to accept the prices offered. Interior trade reports are less favorable, western business being affected by the floods, while the drought at the east and numerous strikes restrict consumption. Conditions as to woolen goods are practically unchanged. Prospects continue bright in the footwear industry. Failures this week in the United States 182, against 218 for the corresponding week last year.

FOOLED THE OLD MAN.

Joliet Girl Plays Trick on Him and Then Elopes.
Chicago, June 5.—"Well, father, if you won't let me marry Harry, call him up and tell him that I am through with him," said Mary Schultz of Joliet, after she had spent several hours trying to persuade her father that she never could be happy without Harry Cowin.

Papa Schultz, delighted at the view which his daughter took of the case, went into the telephone booth in his hardware store and asked central to let him talk with the man who would be his son-in-law. The telephone booth formerly was a cashier's box and the spring lock, which had duty several years and was still in working order. Miss Schultz slammed the door, the spring lock did its work, and she fled with Harry, who was waiting a few blocks away. They came to Chicago and all might have been told with a "and-livid-happy-ever-after" finale if papa had not pursued them. Cowin was arrested when the police caught him, and tomorrow he will have to answer charges of abduction.

IS ADE A PLAGIARIST?

Theatrical Press Agent Says He Stole Sultan of Sulu.
Cleveland, O., June 5.—Harrison Graves, press agent of the Empire theatre here, believes that he is the rightful author of "The Sultan of Sulu," the comic opera which rebores to the credit and fame of George Ade. He says that shortly after the breaking out of the Spanish-American war Graves thought of putting the whole thing on the stage in a satirical way strongly burlesquing certain imperialistic practices. The piece was called "The Sultan of Sulu" and was finally completed, lyrics and all, and sent to several managers. Finally Bostonians took the piece under advisement. They took it to Chicago and then on a Western tour, but at last returned to Graves.

Soon thereafter Ade's opera with the same name came out, and it is claimed that several episodes in the piece were said to tally perfectly with the Graves article.

Mania for Kidnapping.
Morris, Ill., June 5.—Dr. Stebbins, a stranger, was arrested this afternoon on the charge of attempted kidnapping. His first offense was about two weeks ago when he attempted to steal two little girls, aged about 7 years. A few days ago he made a similar effort, but was frightened away. He was arrested this evening on the public street in the third attempt. It is supposed he is demented.

All the investments of married men are not made up of home securities.

SPOILED HIS WHISKERS.

Baltimore Man Asks Barber to Pay \$5,000.

Baltimore, Md., June 5.—Five thousand dollars is the value placed upon his beard by George W. Wilkinson, according to a suit filed by him in the city court today against John A. and William T. Roder, barbers. Wilkinson alleges he went into the place kept as a barber shop by the defendants and was shaved. After this operation, he says, the defendants put a poisonous preparation on his face that caused him great pain and did permanent injury to his beard. He asks for \$5,000 damages.

14 DAYS' WOOING WINS NO. 7.

D. O. Williams, Aged 76, Has Three Dead and Four Living Wives.
Vincennes, Ind., June 5.—After two weeks' acquaintance, David O. Williams, 76 years old, and Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Dours, 61, were married yesterday at Wheatland. This is the groom's seventh wedding, he having three wives dead and four living.

HURRICANE IN PHILIPPINES

Does Great Damage to Shipping Causing Many Wrecks.
Manila, June 5.—A hurricane has swept over the Philippine Islands and great damage has been done to the shipping. The United States transport Shamsun is reported wrecked, but this however is not confirmed. The United States steamer Paula De Visayas was lost off Camotes Island. Part of the crew was saved. The United States steamer Aurifer and the schooner Mayflower were driven ashore off Ormae, West Leyte and will prove total losses. All on board of these vessels were saved.

LUTHERAN HOME MISSIONS

Church At Large Will Contribute To Home Mission Fund.

Baltimore, Md., June 5.—The report of the board of home missions to the Lutheran synod shows 195 missions enrolled. The net gains in membership over the former biennial report is 1,308. The increase in Sunday schools is thirty-six. The board was instructed to establish a permanent home mission fund, to which are to be donated all gifts and legacies, and authorized to call on the church at large for gifts for the benefit of this fund.

DEPLORE RUSSIAN OUTRAGES.

Mass Meeting in Washington Passes Resolutions On That Subject.

Washington, June 5.—A mass meeting was held tonight to consider the recent outrages on the Jews of Kischineff. Speeches were made by a number of prominent men and scores of letters were read. The resolutions which were adopted deplore the outrages against the Jews and urge the people of the United States to use their influence with the government of Russia to stay the persecution and to prevent a recurrence of similar outbreaks.

PANAMA CITIES WANT CANAL

And Will Draw Petitions Asking That Treaty Be Ratified.

Panama, June 5.—The municipal council of Panama has adopted a resolution in favor of petitioning congress to ratify the canal treaty and asking the municipalities of other districts in the department to send in similar petitions.

Renominated.

Richmond, Va., June 5.—Senator Daniel was today declared the nominee on the democratic party as his own successor. He had no opposition.

Deutschland Floated.

New York, June 5.—The steamship Deutschland has been floated and has proceeded to sea.

Petroleum As Fuel.

In tests of petroleum fuel for passenger locomotives on the Florida East Coast railroad, which is as level as sea level, it parallels, it required six and three quarters gallons of oil to be equal to a ton of coal. On the Boston and Maine railway the helper engine at the Hoosac tunnel, working on a grade of 42 feet per mile, showed 140 gallons of oil equal to a ton of coal.

ARCADE BARGAIN STORE

M. LEVIN, Proprietor

..SATURDAY'S..
Store Crowding Specials

In our Clothing and Furnishing Departments



50 men's black clay worsted and blue serge suit, 22 and 24 owner, guaranteed pure wool tailored in the best possible manner. They are good \$8.98

Your choice of our entire line of men's \$14 and \$12.50 suits, a large selection of patterns, all up-to-date, equal to the tailor made suits in every respect. Most stores charge \$15 and \$18 for the same garment. Saturday only \$10.00

Men's suits of all wool striped chevrons, excellently made, with padded shoulders and shape-retaining front. You will pay elsewhere \$10 for the same garment here, Saturday, at \$7.48

Extra Special in Our Children's Department

35 boys' vestee suits, and some Norfolk, guaranteed pure wool worsted. You will say they are cheap at \$5 when you see them. We bought them cheap, and as a special for Saturday they go at \$2.75

Boys' 3 piece suits of all wool unfinished serge, sizes 3 to 16, a positive \$8 value, Saturday \$4.25

Youths' 3 piece long pants suits, in all wool, blue or black chevrot or fancy striped cassimeres, we guarantee these suits to give satisfaction. They have sold up to now for \$7.50. Saturday to clean up the lot, only \$4.98

EXTRA SPECIAL

50 boys' 2 piece suits of serviceable cloth, strongly sewed, \$1.50 value at 98c

2 doz. men's striped worsted trousers, One case of men's ballbrigan shirts sizes 34 to 42, handsome neat stripes, and drawers, in neat patterns, instead of a positive \$2.25 pants of 50c. Saturday, only 39c at \$1.25 per garment, or suits 75c

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Furnishing Goods Special

2 doz. Men's fancy and white vests, 200 vests at \$1.48

150 vests 98c

20 doz. Men's Green shirts, Argyle brand, special purchase, \$1 and 75c goods, Saturday at 48c

10 doz. Men's percale shirts with separate collars or pleated bosoms, without collars, 75c quality at 39c

Men's shop caps at 5c

Men's linen collars, 15c quality at 5c

Men's cotton hose at a pair 2c

10 doz. men's Fedora hats and telescopic hats, \$1.50 quality at 98c

Our men's \$2 derby in black or brown is the best to be had at the price. Black or brown \$2.00

25 doz. Men's medium weight overalls in blue Saturday 35c

20 doz. boys' knee pants, 25c quality, Saturday at pair 12c

10 doz. Men's suspenders, 25c quality, Saturday, a pair 15c

10 doz. Men's four-in-hand ties, 50c quality, Saturday at 25c

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Great Specials in Hot Weather and Staple Dry Goods for Saturday and Monday, June 6th and 8th

SPECIAL NO. ONE.
23c per yard for best quality, fast colored prints, ten yards to a customer. Regular price 61c.

SPECIAL NO. TWO.
43c per yard for best fancy gingham for shirt waists or dresses. Regular price, 10c.

SPECIAL NO. THREE.
59c for choice 10 doz. assorted ladies' and misses' ready to wear hats, regular price, \$1.25.

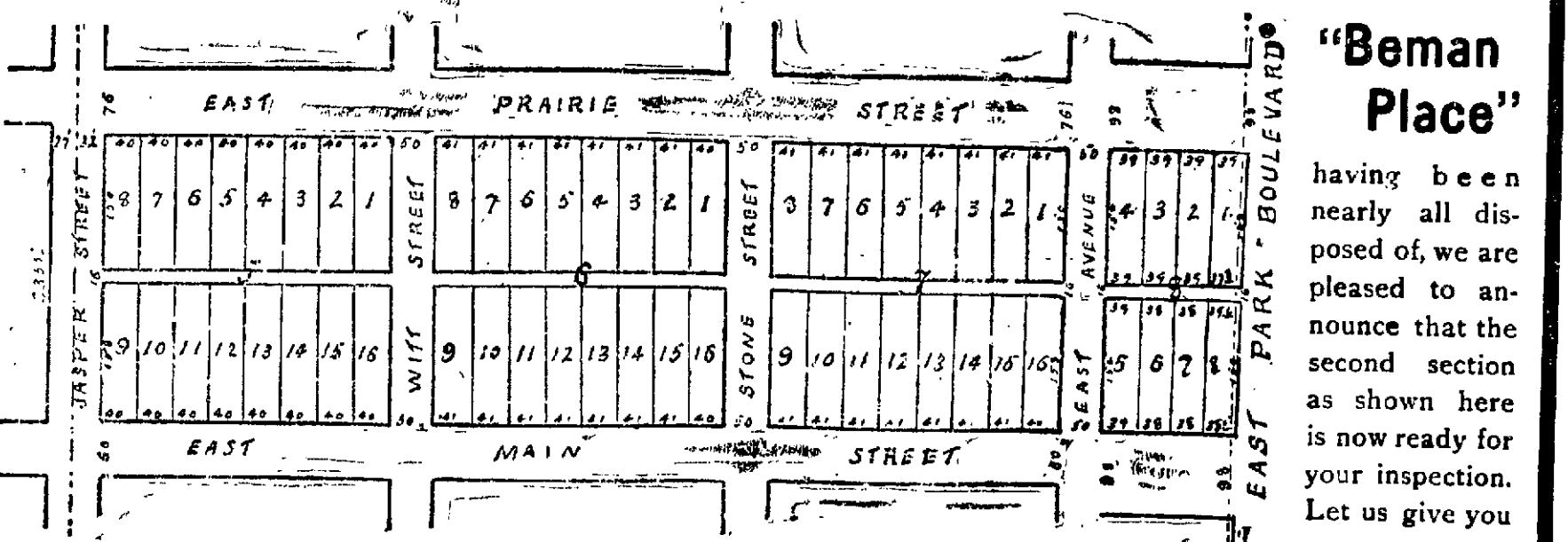
SPECIAL NO. FOUR.
49c For choice 5 doz. assorted mull Tams, come pink, blue and cardinal. Regular price \$1.

SPECIAL NO. FIVE.
79c For handmade chiffon hats, colors white or black, five styles to select from. Regular price \$2.00.

SPECIAL NO. SIX.
15c For choice of 20 doz. Sun Bonnets, all colors, made of best percale. Regular price, 25c.

SPECIAL NO. SEVEN.
10c Per yard for choice of 100 pieces embroidery and insertions. Regular price 20c.

BEMAN PLACE



A FEW FACTS ABOUT IT

- FACT NO. 1 That these lots are high and dry and with perfect natural drainage.
- FACT NO. 2 That for modest homes they are 50 per cent cheaper than anything else offered in the city.
- FACT NO. 3 That scarcely a desirable house or flat in the entire city of Decatur offered for rent at the present time is unoccupied.
- FACT NO. 4 That for location nothing in its class even approaches it.
- FACT NO. 5 That the solution of the situation is: "Go and look at these lots. Do not lose a moment. You will find you have seen a proposition which, either as a speculation or a permanent investment, will prove a big money-maker for you.

EASY TERMS. FOR PLATS OR ANY OTHER INFORMATION CALL ON OR ADDRESS

141 East Main Street

R. R. MONTGOMERY



PRICES POSITIVELY LEASING

Dinner Sets\$5.98
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